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SUBJECT:WEEKLY STATUS REPORT - THAILAND, INDONESIA,  
MALAYSIA, BURMA AND SINGAPORE

INDONESIA

AMB. MASTERS' CONSULTATIONS (LOU)

AMB. MASTERS ARRIVED TODAY TO BEGIN CONSULTATIONS. HE WILL  
BE IN WASHINGTON THROUGH NEXT WEEK BEFORE PROCEEDING ON  
HOME LEAVE.

BOMB THREATS (CONF)

THE INDONESIAN EMBASSY LAST SATURDAY RECEIVED A LETTER  
MAILED IN THE NETHERLANDS LISTING ALLEGED INDONESIAN  
"CRIMES" AGAINST THE PEOPLE OF WEST IRIAN AND THREATENING  
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TERRORIST ATTACKS ON THE EMBASSY AND INDONESIAN OFFICIALS  
IF INDONESIA DID NOT WITHDRAW FROM "WEST NEW GUINEA."  
THE MATTER IS IN THE HANDS OF THE SECRET SERVICE, THE FBI  
AND SY. INFORMATION RECEIVED TODAY FROM THE AUSTRALIAN  
EMBASSY INDICATES THAT THE SAME GROUP HAS SENT IDENTICAL  
LETTERS TO ALL INDONESIAN AMBASSADORS.

ENERGY DEVELOPMENTS - VISITS OF HIGH GOI OFFICIALS (CONF)

RESOLUTION OF THE KEY PRICE ESCALATOR ISSUE ON THE PACIFIC-INDONESIA LNG CONTRACT HAS BEEN DELAYED BUT AGAIN AT THE REQUEST OF THE GOI AND DOE HAS BEEN ASKED FOR A POSTPONEMENT UNTIL JULY 31 OF THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF THE NEW ESCALATOR PROPOSAL. WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE GOI IS GIVING THE ECONOMIC IMPACT OF THE PROPOSAL CAREFUL SCRUTINY AT THE HIGHEST LEVELS.

THE SCHEDULED DEDICATION OF THE FIRST TRAIN OF THE ARUN, SUMARTRA LIQUIFIED GAS FACILITY HAS NOW BEEN DELAYED UNTIL MID-SEPTEMBER. REASON FOR THE DELAY REPORTEDLY IS A TECHNICAL PROBLEM NOT RELATED TO THE CONTINUING GAS FIRE AT ARUN. HOWEVER, INITIAL SHIPMENTS OF LNG FROM THE MOBILE FIELD TO JAPAN ARE SCHEDULED TO COMMENCE IN MID-AUGUST, PRIOR TO THE DEDICATION. IT IS FROM THIS SAME FIELD THAT CALIFORNIA WILL RECEIVE ITS LNG ONCE THE U.S. REGULATORY PROCESS IS COMPLETED, BUT NOW NO SOONER THAN 1981 OR 1982.

THE INDONESIAN EMBASSY HAS REQUESTED US TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT FOR MINISTER WIDJOJO TO MEET SECRETARY SCHLESINGER ON AUGUST 7, WITH LNG BEING A MAIN TOPIC. SUBSEQUENTLY, WE HAVE BEEN INFORMED THAT GENERAL PIET HARYONO, HEAD OF PERTAMINA, WILL JOIN MINISTERS WIDJOJO AND PRAWIRO IN  
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WASHINGTON AND THEN NEW YORK ON AUGUST 7-9 TO MEET WITH THE OIL, BANKING AND BUSINESS COMMUNITY THERE. HARYONO WILL SUBSEQUENTLY RETURN TO WASHINGTON ON THE 10TH FOR FURTHER DISCUSSIONS WITH THE USG. THIS WILL BE HARYONO'S FIRST VISIT TO WASHINGTON SINCE BEING APPOINTED TO HEAD PERTAMINA TWO YEARS AGO AND WE PLAN TO GIVE HIM A GOOD RECEPTION.

MALAYSIA

TRIAL OF DAP LEADER (CONF)

EMBASSY K.L. REPORTS THAT THE HIGH COURT TRIAL OF DEMOCRATIC ACTION PARTY (DAP) SECRETARY GENERAL LIM KIT SIANG FOR VIOLATIONS OF THE OFFICIAL SECRETS ACT, SCHEDULED FOR JULY, HAS BEEN POSTPONED TO OCTOBER 3 TO GIVE LIM THE "FULLEST OPPORTUNITY" TO OBTAIN THE SERVICES OF A QUEEN'S COUNSEL FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM. THE DAP IS NOW THE

STRONGEST OPPOSITION PARTY IN MALAYSIA, AND THE CASE DID PLAY A ROLE IN THE RECENT ELECTIONS, ALTHOUGH IT IS DIFFICULT TO SAY HOW MUCH IT INFLUENCED THE VOTES. IN ANY

EVENT, LIM WAS ELECTED BY A WIDE MARGIN. WHATEVER THE

GOM'S MOTIVATION IN THE PRE-ELECTION TIMING OF THE ARREST,  
IT SEEMS TO BE BENDING OVER BACKWARDS TO ENSURE A FAIR  
TRIAL.

SINGAPORE

AMBASSADOR KNEIP (LOU)

AMBASSADOR KNEIP IS SCHEDULED TO BE SWORN IN AT THE WHITE  
HOUSE ON JULY 25. HE PLANS TO DEPART FOR SOUTH DAKOTA ON  
THE SAME DAY AND PROCEED TO POST VIA CONSULTATIONS AT  
CINCPAC WITH A SCHEDULED ARRIVAL IN SINGAPORE ON AUGUST 3.  
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ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE FOR HIM TO PRESENT HIS  
CREDENTIALS SO THAT HE WILL BE FULLY ACCREDITED BY  
SINGAPORE'S NATIONAL DAY ON AUGUST 9.

SINGAPORE-US INVESTMENT TREATY (LOU)

WE HAVE REQUESTED FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF SINGAPORE THAT  
IT PASS ON TO US AN INFORMAL BASIS THE GOS PROPOSED DRAFT  
TEXT INVESTMENT TREATY. THE SINGAPORE TEXT HAS BEEN  
PROVIDED TO OUR EMBASSY IN SINGAPORE AND WE HAVE REQUESTED  
THAT IT BE POUCHED TO THE DEPARTMENT POST HASTE. AFTER  
REVIEWING THE TEXT, AND OUR EMBASSY'S COMMENTS, WE MAY BE  
IN A BETTER POSITION TO OBTAIN AN INTERDEPARTMENT CONSENSUS  
ON A PROPOSED US DRAFT -- WHICH HOPEFULLY WILL MEET BOTH  
GOS AND USG NEEDS.

SINGAPORE CABINET RESHUFFLE ANTICIPATED (SECRET)

PRIME MINISTER LEE PLANS TO RESHUFFLE THE SINGAPORE  
CABINET AND TO HOLD BYE-ELECTIONS IN THE NEAR FUTURE FOR  
SEVERAL PARLIAMENTARY SEATS. HE WILL DO THIS ON A STEP-  
BY-STEP BASIS AND SPREAD IT OVER THE NEXT FEW MONTHS IN  
ORDER TO BRING ABOUT AN ORDERLY AND EFFICIENT TURNOVER  
AND TO PREVENT CONFUSION AND UNDUE ANXIETY WITHIN THE GOS.

BRUNEI

BRUNEI INDEPENDENCE IN FIVE YEARS (CONF)

EMBASSY LONDON REPORTS THAT THE NEGOTIATIONS CONCLUDED  
WITH BRUNEI AT THE END OF JUNE PROVIDE FOR THE FULL  
INDEPENDENCE OF BRUNEI IN FIVE YEARS. FORMAL SIGNING OF  
A SERIES OF AGREEMENTS IS TO TAKE PLACE BY THE END OF  
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DECEMBER. TWO OF THE ARRANGEMENTS WILL GO INTO FORCE IMMEDIATELY UPON SIGNATURE; THE AGREEMENT EXTENDING GURKHA UNITS IN BRUNEI FOR UP TO FIVE YEARS, AND AN AGREEMENT

FOR THE CREATION OF A BRUNEI DIPLOMATIC SERVICE. IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT BRUNEI WILL EVENTUALLY JOIN THE BRITISH COMMONWEALTH. THE BRITISH HAVE RECEIVED INDICATIONS THAT THE MALAYSIANS AND SINGAPOREANS ARE QUIETLY SATISFIED WITH THESE DEVELOPMENTS.

THAILAND

NEW THAI AMBASSADOR ARRIVES (LOU)

THAI AMBASSADOR-DESIGNATE KLOT WISETSURAKAN ARRIVED WASHINGTON JULY 14 AND WILL PRESENT COPIES OF HIS CREDENTIALS TO THE DEPUTY SECRETARY JULY 24. PROTOCOL HAS PROMISED TO DO ITS BEST TO HAVE KLOT PRESENT HIS CREDENTIALS TO THE PRESIDENT BEFORE AUGUST 3 SO THAT THE NEW AMBASSADOR CAN PARTICIPATE FULLY IN THE ASEAN MINISTERIAL MEETING.

IENG SARY VISIT RESULTS IN LITTLE FORWARD MOVEMENT (CONF)

INITIAL REPORTING INDICATES THAT IENG SARY'S JULY 14-17 VISIT TO BANGKOK DID NOT RESULT IN ANY SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS IN RESOLVING OUTSTANDING ISSUES BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. APPARENTLY NO CONCRETE AGREEMENTS ON ENDING THE BORDER INCIDENTS WERE REACHED AND SARY DELAYED A RESPONSE TO AN EXCHANGE OF EMBASSIES AND REACTIVATION OF THE BORDER LIAISON COMMITTEES. SARY'S PRESS CONFERENCE IN BANGKOK, DURING WHICH HE DENOUNCED THE VIETNAMESE AT LENGTH, WAS PROBABLY EMBARRASSING TO THE THAI WHO HAVE BEEN CAREFULLY CULTIVATING THEIR RELATIONS WITH THE SRV. IF, ON THE HEELS OF SARY'S INCONCLUSIVE VISIT, A NEW ROUND OF INCIDENTS BREAKS OUT ON THE THAI/CAMBODIAN BORDER, PM

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KRIANGSAK'S CONCILIATORY POLICY TOWARDS PHNOM PENH WILL LIKELY COME UNDER SERIOUS ATTACK BY THOSE THAI OFFICIALS WHO FAVOR A HARDER LINE. CHRISTOPHER

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